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WELDON RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

WASHINGTON (28 Feb.) – This past weekend, U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon (R-Pa.), a senior member of the House Science Committee and Subcommittee on Research, was recognized by the Engineers' Council for his lifetime of work toward advancing science and technology. Congressman Weldon is the first and only member of Congress to be awarded the Council's highest honor, the *Honorary Engineer of the Year Award*. Past recipients include President Ronald Reagan, Secretaries of Defense Rumsfeld and Dr. William Perry, NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, Brigadier General (Ret.) Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager.

"This is a very special award that is not given out every year, but reserved for those who have contributed the most to advancing engineering science and technology," said Engineers' Council President Paul F. Landry. "Congressman Weldon is someone that understands and supports continual development in engineering. He knows where we are, where we are going, and why we have to go there," Landry said.

Founded in 1955, the Engineers' Council is a not-for-profit professional society that aims to advance education and career opportunities in engineering and the sciences, and recognizes engineers for their significant accomplishments. Every year, the Engineers' Council celebrates National Engineers' Week, which culminates in the largest annual honor and awards banquet for engineers in the country.

As Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services and Homeland Security Committees, Rep. Weldon has played a key role in ensuring an effective transfer of technology between the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. He also has actively supported science and technology in the classroom as a member of the Congressional Science, Technology, Education and Math Caucus.

Locally, Weldon is a founder and key leader of a collaborative four-state initiative composed of regional leaders from academia, industry, government and support organizations known as the SMART (Strengthening the Mid Atlantic Region for Tomorrow) Caucus. SMART enables its members to work together to improve the attractiveness of federal scientific research and development dollars. Weldon continues to support initiatives like SMART to bolster local science and technology research.

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Congressman Curt Weldon serves Pennsylvania's seventh congressional district including parts of Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties. For more information about Congressman Weldon, please visit his website:

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